

REMARKS

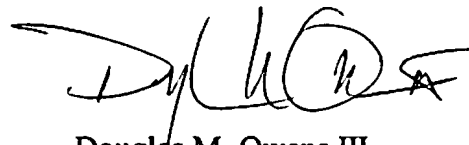
By the present amendment, Claims 2 and 8 have been amended, and Claims 1 and 7 have been canceled. Claims 2-6 and 8-13 remain pending in the application, with Claims 1 and 7 being the independent claims. Claims 1 and 7 are again rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fuller (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0095590 A1) in view of Vihriala (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0045433 A1) and Nangia (U.S. Patent No. 7,139,237 B2).

Applicants appreciate the indication by the Examiner that Claims 2-6 and 8-13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In this regard, Claims 1 and 7 have been canceled and Claims 2 and 8 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 2-6 and 8-13, are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Owens III', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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